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ABSTRACT:

A multi-tune radio frequency (RF) coil for concurrent magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) is disclosed. The multi-tune RF coil includes a first end ring having a generally annular opening and a first plurality of elongated segments coupled to and positioned circumferentially around the first end ring. The first plurality of elongated segments are azimuthally offset from one another by a substantially equal angular distance. A second RF coil includes a second end ring having a generally annular opening and a second plurality of elongated segments coupled to and positioned circumferentially around the second end ring. The second plurality of elongated segments are azimuthally offset from one another by a substantially equal angular distance. The first and

second plurality of elongated segments are coupled to and positioned circumferentially around at least one of an a third end ring having a generally annular opening and an end cap, thereby forming a coil volume, and the first and second plurality of elongated segments lie in a same circumferential plane.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This Application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/429,909 filed Nov. 29, 2002, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 3

ABSTRACT:

A radio frequency (RF) pediatric coil for magnetic resonance/imaging analysis is disclosed. The coil includes a first end ring having a generally annular opening, and at least one of a second end ring and an end cap. An anterior extension is

formed on the first end ring and on the at least one of the second end ring and the end cap. A plurality of elongated segments are coupled to and positioned circumferentially around the first end ring and the at least one of the second end ring and the end cap to form a coil volume. A first elongated segment and a second elongated segment are spaced about the anterior extension to facilitate access into the coil volume. The coil can be implemented as a standalone coil, or it can be operatively coupled to an incubator to increase the resolution of magnetic resonance scans of a neonate inside the incubator.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This Application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/429,912 filed on Nov. 29, 2002 and is a continuation-in-part of application Ser. No. 10/440,054 filed May 16, 2003, which claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/381,160 filed on May 16, 2002.

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Jul 17, 1962

US-PAT-NO: 3044301

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 3044301 A

TITLE: Space simulating device and method

DATE-ISSUED: July 17, 1962

US-CL-CURRENT: 73/865.6; 313/231.31, 73/117.1

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Ui-i-'ilted StoLes 3,044,301 SPACE SP,,IUL-'@,T.-zNG DEVICE ANT@D IkleiTI-10D Willard H. Benneft, 174 ChesapeY@@@ St. Waectington, D.C. Fil,ed JL;ly 28, 19CO, Ser. No. 46,040 12 Cliims. (Cl. 73-432) (Granted under Title 35, U.S. Code (1952), s,--c. 26fa) -ne invention described herein may be manufactured and used by or for the Gover=ent of the United States of America for - ,Overnmental purposes without the payment of any royalties thereon or therefor. The present invention relates to space simulating devices and more particularly to a device for producing aiid maintainin@ conditions resembling those in space for investi.-ating the performance of certain devices or phenomena under space conditions. Heretofore investi.-ations in a high vacuum simulatinspace conditions have not been carried out -@vit'i satisfaction because of the difficulty in maintainin.- a continuous hi.-h vacuum around gassy devices. Fiirtner prior art devices permit back-flow of the gases from the surroundin.walls and are r,-strieted to us@@ Niith condensible gases. It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a d- ,vice for prodlicing and maintainin.- suitable hi.-h vacuum space conditions to condctict investi.-ations therein. Another objec-t of the invention is to provide a device Sul able for stlidying thermal propulsion means involving @t jets of fuel and electric propulsion systems involving ion and electron jets. Still another object is to provide a device which is an ideal means for copin,@ -,vith cesiiim ion devices and

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File: USPT

Sep 14, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6791321

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6791321 B2

TITLE: Birdcage coils for simultaneous acquisition of spatial harmonics

DATE-ISSUED: September 14, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 10/173933 [PALM]

DATE FILED: June 18, 2002

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US-CL-ISSUED: 324/309; 324/307, 324/318

US-CL-CURRENT: 324/309; 324/307, 324/318

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/300, 324/307, 324/309, 324/318, 324/909, 324/322, 600/410, 600/422, 600/425

See application file for complete search history.

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ART-UNIT: 2859

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Gutierrez; Diego

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Vargas; Dixomara

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fay, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee, LLP

ABSTRACT:

In a magnetic resonance imaging apparatus, a main magnet assembly (12) produces a uniform magnetic field through an imaging region (14). An imaging region is defined within a subject by selecting gradient magnetic fields spatially encode the main magnetic field. A whole body birdcage radio frequency coil (26) excites magnetic resonance in dipoles of the subject. The resonance signals are received by the whole body coil (26) and by a second, local birdcage radio frequency coil (16). The first radio frequency coil (26) produces and is sensitive to a uniform radio frequency field in the imaging region (14) while the second radio frequency coil (28) is sensitive to a field that varies sinusoidally in space. From one radio frequency excitation, the two birdcage coils (26, 16) receive different sets of

data with which to fill k-space, accelerating data collection.

23 Claims, 5 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	Pub	Unpub
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Aug 14, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6275723

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6275723 B1

TITLE: Method and apparatus for performing neuroimaging

DATE-ISSUED: August 14, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 09/169602 [PALM]

DATE FILED: October 9, 1998

PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATION This application is a C-I-P of U.S. patent application No. 09/073,546, filed May 6, 1998 and abandoned Mar. 27, 2000, and said patent application is incorporated herein by reference.

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US-CL-ISSUED: 600/417; 600/422, 324/318

US-CL-CURRENT: 600/417; 324/318, 600/422

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 600/410, 600/417, 600/421, 600/422, 600/415, 606/130, 324/309, 324/318

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ART-UNIT: 377

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lateef; Marvin M.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Shaw; Shawna J.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Hamilton, Brook, Smith & Reynolds, P.C.

ABSTRACT:

The present invention relates to a restraining assembly used in neuroimaging of animals in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) systems. The body of the animal under study is secured within a tube with a head holder to reduce motion artifacts, particularly when the animal is awake. The tube is placed in the bore of the MRI

system to conduct imaging procedures with a radio frequency coil adjacent to the animals' head.

18 Claims, 14 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Creation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	Amc	Drawings
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File: USPT

Apr 3, 2001

US-PAT-NO: 6211677

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6211677 B1

TITLE: Lung coil for imaging hyper-polarized gas in an MRI scanner

DATE-ISSUED: April 3, 2001

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DATE FILED: May 8, 1998

INT-CL-ISSUED: [07] G01 V 3/00

US-CL-ISSUED: 324/322

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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/322, 324/307, 324/309, 324/319, 324/318, 324/300, 600/422, 600/421, 600/410

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ART-UNIT: 282

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Oda; Christine

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Vargas; Dixomara

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fay, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee, LLP

ABSTRACT:

In a magnetic resonance imaging apparatus, a whole-body RF coil (42) disposed circumferentially around an examination region (14) is tuned to a first Larmor frequency, e.g., that of hydrogen. A first transmitter (44) transmits RF signals at the first Larmor frequency. A first T/R switch (40) electronically switches the whole-body RF coil (42) between a transmit mode in which it is electronically connected to the first transmitter (44) for exciting resonance in hydrogen nuclei, and a receive mode in which it is electronically connected to a first receiver channel for demodulating magnetic resonance signals received from resonating hydrogen nuclei. An insertable lung coil (70) is positioned inside the whole-body RF coil (42) around the examination region. The lung coil (70) is tuned, while the whole-body RF coil (42) is enabled, to a second Larmor frequency corresponding to a non-hydrogen nuclei such that the tuning compensates for reactance from the whole-body RF coil that is inductively coupled to the lung coil. A second T/R switch (80) electronically switches the lung coil (70) between a second transmitter (82) for exciting resonance in non-hydrogen nuclei, and a second receiver channel.

22 Claims, 2 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	KWC	Draw D
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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6029082 A

TITLE: Less-claustrophobic, quadrature, radio-frequency head coil for nuclear magnetic resonance

DATE-ISSUED: February 22, 2000

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DATE FILED: November 24, 1997

INT-CL-ISSUED: [07] A61 B 5/055

US-CL-ISSUED: 600/422; 324/318, 324/322

US-CL-CURRENT: 600/422; 324/318, 324/322FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 600/422, 600/410, 324/318, 324/322

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ART-UNIT: 377

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Smith; Ruth S.

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ABSTRACT:

A less-claustrophobic, quadrature, radio-frequency head coil (42) includes first and second broken end rings (90, 92) connected to each other in parallel by a plurality of leg conductors (94). At least two of the leg conductors are interconnected by a third arcuate conductor segment (98) axially displaced from planes of the first and second end rings to provide an opening (44) over a subject's face. The opening reduces patient claustrophobia and permits access to the patient for life-support devices or the practice of interventional medicine. The end rings have a fixed capacitance (C.sub.1, C.sub.2) between each pair of leg conductors. The fixed capacitance C.sub.1 between at least one pair of leg conductors and the fixed capacitance C.sub.2 between at least the pair of leg conductors adjacent the opening, where $C_{sub.2} > C_{sub.1}$. A two-port feed (66, 68) circumferentially attached to the coil generally opposite the opening matches the individual linear modes. Thus, the radio frequency coil is able to maintain two preferred principal linear modes (A, B) across the open area of the coil.

17 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	KWIC	Draw.D
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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20040220468 A1

TITLE: Three axis angle invariant RF coil assembly and method and system employing same

PUBLICATION-DATE: November 4, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: May 2, 2003

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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 1

ABSTRACT:

A radio frequency coil assembly for use in a magnetic resonance system comprises a set of conductors for detecting magnetic resonance signals in three orthogonal planes and capacitors for resonating the set of conductors at a predetermined frequency. A conductor of the set of conductors is placed on each edge of a cube-shaped volume and the capacitors are placed on each conductor of the set of conductors such that each conductor has substantially equal effective capacitance.

A four element band pass birdcage coil comprises two square end ring segments, each end ring segment comprising four sides of equal length, and four rungs of length equal to a side of the end ring segment, and wherein four rungs join in respective corners of the end ring segments.

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	Claims	IMC	Draw D.
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Dec 10, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6492810

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6492810 B1

TITLE: Anti-aliasing magnetic resonance device which reduces aliasing from regions outside of the excitation volume

DATE-ISSUED: December 10, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/309, 324/318, 324/307, 324/311, 324/312, 324/319, 324/320, 324/322, 324/314, 324/306
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<u>5633585</u>	May 1997	Kuhn	324/307
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ART-UNIT: 2862

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lefkowitz; Edward

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Fetzner; Tiffany A.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fry; John J. Lundin; Thomas M.

ABSTRACT:

In magnetic resonance apparatus, particularly magnetic resonance imaging apparatus, it is found that magnetic resonance signals generated in an alias region (D) will be aliased into the signals received by the primary receive coil (4) from the desired signal region (A-B). An additional receive coil 5 is provided to receive the signals from the alias region, and processing means (6) reduces the effect of these alias signals on the resulting desired data.

20 Claims, 6 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6788058 B1

TITLE: Asymmetric ring dome radio frequency coil

DATE-ISSUED: September 7, 2004

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APPL-NO: 10/094378 [PALM]

DATE FILED: March 8, 2002

PARENT-CASE:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/270,660 filed Mar. 8, 2001.

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US-CL-ISSUED: 324/318

US-CL-CURRENT: 324/318

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/300-309, 324/318, 324/322, 600/410

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<u>5565780</u>	October 1996	Derby	324/322
<u>5602479</u>	February 1997	Srinivasan et al.	
<u>5682893</u>	November 1997	Meyer et al.	600/421
<u>5986454</u>	November 1999	Leifer	
<u>6043658</u>	March 2000	Leussler	324/318
<u>6100691</u>	August 2000	Yeung	324/318
<u>6313633</u>	November 2001	Boskamp	324/319
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ART-UNIT: 2859

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Gutierrez; Diego

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ABSTRACT:

A MRI coil having an axis and a first end and an opposite second end with respect to said axis includes a first ring element at the first end, a second ring element, a third ring element, a fourth ring element at the second end where the first ring element encompasses a smaller area than each of the second, third, and fourth ring elements. The coil also includes a plurality of axial elements connected between the first, second, third and fourth ring elements. The third and fourth ring elements are axially closer than the first and second ring elements.

20 Claims, 10 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Claims	FIG.	Drawings
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File: USPT

Jan 3, 2006

US-PAT-NO: 6982554

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6982554 B2

TITLE: System and method for operating transmit or transmit/receive elements in an MR system

DATE-ISSUED: January 3, 2006

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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/318, 324/322, 324/319, 324/309, 324/307, 324/300, 600/410

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<u>6411090</u>	June 2002	Boskamp	
<u>6429656</u>	August 2002	Domalski	324/318

ART-UNIT: 2859

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Shrivastav; Brij B.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Vogel; Peter J.

ABSTRACT:

An MRI system includes an array of series resonant transmit elements 6 and 65 including individual control of RF current in all elements 106, 108, 110, 114, 116, 118, 120. The array 6 and 65 adjusts scan homogeneity during a scan or prescan phase by adjusting amplitude and phase. The array 6 and 65 also selectively excites areas of interest, thus avoiding major power dissipation and avoiding heating in the patient.

19 Claims, 6 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	Keywords	Drawings
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File: USPT

Dec 28, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6836114

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6836114 B2

TITLE: Pulse imaging sequences and methods for T1p-weighted MRI

DATE-ISSUED: December 28, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 10/389502 [PALM]

DATE FILED: March 14, 2003

PARENT-CASE:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/364,878 filed Mar. 15, 2002, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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US-CL-ISSUED: 324/307; 324/306

US-CL-CURRENT: 324/307; 324/306

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/307, 324/306, 324/309, 324/312, 324/314, 324/300

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<u>5404882</u>	April 1995	Santyr	<u>600/410</u>
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ART-UNIT: 2859

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Arana; Louis

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ABSTRACT:

Provided are pulse imaging sequences and methods for 2D multi-slice T.sub.1.rho. -weighted and 3D T.sub.1.rho. -weighted magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Further provided is a self-compensating spin-locking sequence for correcting and reducing artifacts in T.sub.1.rho. -weighted imaging. Also provided is a sequence combining 3D T.sub.1.rho. -weighted MRI with a self-compensating spin-locking pulse for facilitating T.sub.1.rho. -weighted imaging with surface coils.

20 Claims, 15 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6791321 B2

TITLE: Birdcage coils for simultaneous acquisition of spatial harmonics

DATE-ISSUED: September 14, 2004

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ART-UNIT: 2859

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ABSTRACT:

In a magnetic resonance imaging apparatus, a main magnet assembly (12) produces a uniform magnetic field through an imaging region (14). An imaging region is defined within a subject by selecting gradient magnetic fields spatially encode the main magnetic field. A whole body birdcage radio frequency coil (26) excites magnetic resonance in dipoles of the subject. The resonance signals are received by the whole body coil (26) and by a second, local birdcage radio frequency coil (16). The first radio frequency coil (26) produces and is sensitive to a uniform radio frequency field in the imaging region (14) while the second radio frequency coil (28) is sensitive to a field that varies sinusoidally in space. From one radio frequency excitation, the two birdcage coils (26, 16) receive different sets of

data with which to fill k-space, accelerating data collection.

23 Claims, 5 Drawing figures

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6275723 B1

TITLE: Method and apparatus for performing neuroimaging

DATE-ISSUED: August 14, 2001

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: October 9, 1998

PARENT-CASE:

RELATED APPLICATION This application is a C-I-P of U.S. patent application No. 09/073,546, filed May 6, 1998 and abandoned Mar. 27, 2000, and said patent application is incorporated herein by reference.

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ART-UNIT: 377

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ABSTRACT:

The present invention relates to a restraining assembly used in neuroimaging of animals in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) systems. The body of the animal under study is secured within a tube with a head holder to reduce motion artifacts, particularly when the animal is awake. The tube is placed in the bore of the MRI

system to conduct imaging procedures with a radio frequency coil adjacent to the animals' head.

18 Claims, 14 Drawing figures

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TITLE: Lung coil for imaging hyper-polarized gas in an MRI scanner

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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/322, 324/307, 324/309, 324/319, 324/318, 324/300, 600/422, 600/421, 600/410

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PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

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<u>4793357</u>	November 1986	Lindstrom	128/654
<u>4930510</u>	November 1988	Lindstrom	128/654
<u>5024230</u>	March 1989	Lindstrom et al.	128/654
<u>5075624</u>	December 1991	Bezjak	324/318
<u>5303707</u>	April 1994	Young	600/422

<u>5365173</u>	February 1993	Zou et al.	324/318
<u>5610521</u>	March 1997	Zou et al.	324/318
<u>5617859</u>	April 1997	Souza et al.	600/422
<u>5680047</u>	August 1995	Srinivasan et al.	324/318
<u>5783943</u>	July 1998	Mastandrea, Jr. et al.	324/318
<u>5990681</u>	October 1997	Richard et al.	324/318
<u>5998999</u>	December 1999	Richard et al.	324/318
<u>6013035</u>	January 2000	Unger et al.	600/562
<u>6081120</u>	June 2000	Shen	324/318

ART-UNIT: 282

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Oda; Christine

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Vargas; Dixomara

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fay, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee, LLP

ABSTRACT:

In a magnetic resonance imaging apparatus, a whole-body RF coil (42) disposed circumferentially around an examination region (14) is tuned to a first Larmor frequency, e.g., that of hydrogen. A first transmitter (44) transmits RF signals at the first Larmor frequency. A first T/R switch (40) electronically switches the whole-body RF coil (42) between a transmit mode in which it is electronically connected to the first transmitter (44) for exciting resonance in hydrogen nuclei, and a receive mode in which it is electronically connected to a first receiver channel for demodulating magnetic resonance signals received from resonating hydrogen nuclei. An insertable lung coil (70) is positioned inside the whole-body RF coil (42) around the examination region. The lung coil (70) is tuned, while the whole-body RF coil (42) is enabled, to a second Larmor frequency corresponding to a non-hydrogen nuclei such that the tuning compensates for reactance from the whole-body RF coil that is inductively coupled to the lung coil. A second T/R switch (80) electronically switches the lung coil (70) between a second transmitter (82) for exciting resonance in non-hydrogen nuclei, and a second receiver channel.

22 Claims, 2 Drawing figures

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US-PAT-NO: 6029082

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6029082 A

TITLE: Less-claustrophobic, quadrature, radio-frequency head coil for nuclear magnetic resonance

DATE-ISSUED: February 22, 2000

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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 DATE FILED: November 24, 1997

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US-CL-ISSUED: 600/422; 324/318, 324/322
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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 600/422, 600/410, 324/318, 324/322
 See application file for complete search history.

PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

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PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
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<u>4769605</u>	September 1988	Fox et al.	324/322
<u>5212450</u>	May 1993	Murphy-Boesch et al.	
<u>5277183</u>	January 1994	Vij	128/653.5
<u>5315251</u>	May 1994	Derby et al.	324/318
<u>5519321</u>	May 1996	Hagen et al.	600/422
<u>5602479</u>	February 1997	Srinivasan et al.	600/422
<u>5619996</u>	April 1997	Beresten	600/422
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"A User-Friendly, `Open-Faced` Head Coil for MRI at 1.5T." Srinivasan, et al., SMR 4th Scientific Meeting, New York, Book of Abstracts (1996).

ART-UNIT: 377

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Smith; Ruth S.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fay, Sharpe, Fagan, Minnich & McKee, LLP

ABSTRACT:

A less-claustrophobic, quadrature, radio-frequency head coil (42) includes first and second broken end rings (90, 92) connected to each other in parallel by a plurality of leg conductors (94). At least two of the leg conductors are interconnected by a third arcuate conductor segment (98) axially displaced from planes of the first and second end rings to provide an opening (44) over a subject's face. The opening reduces patient claustrophobia and permits access to the patient for life-support devices or the practice of interventional medicine. The end rings have a fixed capacitance (C.sub.1, C.sub.2) between each pair of leg conductors. The fixed capacitance C.sub.1 between at least one pair of leg conductors and the fixed capacitance C.sub.2 between at least the pair of leg conductors adjacent the opening, where $C_{sub.2} > C_{sub.1}$. A two-port feed (66, 68) circumferentially attached to the coil generally opposite the opening matches the individual linear modes. Thus, the radio frequency coil is able to maintain two preferred principal linear modes (A, B) across the open area of the coil.

17 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	KMC	Draw Ds
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File: PGPB

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DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 20040220468 A1

TITLE: Three axis angle invariant RF coil assembly and method and system employing same

PUBLICATION-DATE: November 4, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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REPRESENTATIVE-FIGURES: 1

ABSTRACT:

A radio frequency coil assembly for use in a magnetic resonance system comprises a set of conductors for detecting magnetic resonance signals in three orthogonal planes and capacitors for resonating the set of conductors at a predetermined frequency. A conductor of the set of conductors is placed on each edge of a cube-shaped volume and the capacitors are placed on each conductor of the set of conductors such that each conductor has substantially equal effective capacitance.

A four element band pass birdcage coil comprises two square end ring segments, each end ring segment comprising four sides of equal length, and four rungs of length equal to a side of the end ring segment, and wherein four rungs join in respective corners of the end ring segments.

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference	Sequences	Attachments	Claims	EMC	Draw D.
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File: USPT

Dec 10, 2002

US-PAT-NO: 6492810

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6492810 B1

TITLE: Anti-aliasing magnetic resonance device which reduces aliasing from regions outside of the excitation volume

DATE-ISSUED: December 10, 2002

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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US-CL-ISSUED: 324/309; 324/318, 324/307
US-CL-CURRENT: 324/309; 324/307, 324/318

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/309, 324/318, 324/307, 324/311, 324/312, 324/319, 324/320, 324/322, 324/314, 324/306
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PRIOR-ART-DISCLOSED:

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<u>5386190</u>	January 1995	Takeuchi et al.	324/309
<u>5451875</u>	September 1995	Patrick et al.	324/318
<u>5633585</u>	May 1997	Kuhn	324/307
<u>6100689</u>	August 2000	Huff et al.	324/309
<u>6307373</u>	October 2001	Young	324/322
<u>6380741</u>	April 2002	Hajnal et al.	324/318
<u>6396269</u>	May 2002	Hajnal et al.	324/307

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ART-UNIT: 2862

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Lefkowitz; Edward

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Fetzner; Tiffany A.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Fry; John J. Lundin; Thomas M.

ABSTRACT:

In magnetic resonance apparatus, particularly magnetic resonance imaging apparatus, it is found that magnetic resonance signals generated in an alias region (D) will be aliased into the signals received by the primary receive coil (4) from the desired signal region (A-B). An additional receive coil 5 is provided to receive the signals from the alias region, and processing means (6) reduces the effect of these alias signals on the resulting desired data.

20 Claims, 6 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Station	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference		Claims	KMD	Drawings
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File: USPT

Sep 7, 2004

US-PAT-NO: 6788058

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6788058 B1

TITLE: Asymmetric ring dome radio frequency coil

DATE-ISSUED: September 7, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: March 8, 2002

PARENT-CASE:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application Ser. No. 60/270,660 filed Mar. 8, 2001.

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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/300-309, 324/318, 324/322, 600/410

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<u>4692705</u>	September 1987	Hayes	
<u>4694255</u>	September 1987	Hayes	
<u>4837515</u>	June 1989	Nishihara et al.	324/318
<u>5003265</u>	March 1991	Leussler	324/318
<u>5050605</u>	September 1991	Eydelman et al.	600/422
<u>5144240</u>	September 1992	Mehdizadeh et al.	324/318
<u>5194811</u>	March 1993	Murphy-Boesch et al.	
<u>5202635</u>	April 1993	Srinivasan et al.	
<u>5212450</u>	May 1993	Murphy-Boesch et al.	
<u>5315251</u>	May 1994	Derby	
<u>5515855</u>	May 1996	Meyer et al.	
<u>5565780</u>	October 1996	Derby	324/322
<u>5602479</u>	February 1997	Srinivasan et al.	
<u>5682893</u>	November 1997	Meyer et al.	600/421
<u>5986454</u>	November 1999	Leifer	
<u>6043658</u>	March 2000	Leussler	324/318
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ART-UNIT: 2859

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Gutierrez; Diego

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: Vargas; Dixomara

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Della Penna; Michael A. Armstrong Teasdale LLP

ABSTRACT:

A MRI coil having an axis and a first end and an opposite second end with respect to said axis includes a first ring element at the first end, a second ring element, a third ring element, a fourth ring element at the second end where the first ring element encompasses a smaller area than each of the second, third, and fourth ring elements. The coil also includes a plurality of axial elements connected between the first, second, third and fourth ring elements. The third and fourth ring elements are axially closer than the first and second ring elements.

20 Claims, 10 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Citation	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	WMO	New
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Jan 3, 2006

US-PAT-NO: 6982554

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6982554 B2

TITLE: System and method for operating transmit or transmit/receive elements in an MR system

DATE-ISSUED: January 3, 2006

PRIOR-PUBLICATION:

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US 20050242816 A1

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US-CL-CURRENT: 324/318; 324/319

FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/318, 324/322, 324/319, 324/309, 324/307, 324/300, 600/410

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<u>6400154</u>	June 2002	Tomanek et al.	324/318
<u>6404201</u>	June 2002	Boskamp	
<u>6411090</u>	June 2002	Boskamp	
<u>6429656</u>	August 2002	Domalski	324/318

ART-UNIT: 2859

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Shrivastav; Brij B.

ATTY-AGENT-FIRM: Vogel; Peter J.

ABSTRACT:

An MRI system includes an array of series resonant transmit elements 6 and 65 including individual control of RF current in all elements 106, 108, 110, 114, 116, 118, 120. The array 6 and 65 adjusts scan homogeneity during a scan or prescan phase by adjusting amplitude and phase. The array 6 and 65 also selectively excites areas of interest, thus avoiding major power dissipation and avoiding heating in the patient.

19 Claims, 6 Drawing figures

Full	Title	Claims	Front	Review	Classification	Date	Reference			Claims	Notes	Drawings
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US-PAT-NO: 6836114

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6836114 B2

TITLE: Pulse imaging sequences and methods for T1p-weighted MRI

DATE-ISSUED: December 28, 2004

INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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Charagundla; Sridhar R.	Morton	PA		
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DATE FILED: March 14, 2003

PARENT-CASE:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/364,878 filed Mar. 15, 2002, herein incorporated by reference in its entirety.

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US-CL-ISSUED: 324/307; 324/306

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FIELD-OF-CLASSIFICATION-SEARCH: 324/307, 324/306, 324/309, 324/312, 324/314, 324/300

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

PAT-NO	ISSUE-DATE	PATENTEE-NAME	US-CL
<u>5001427</u>	March 1991	Fujiwara	324/307
<u>5317264</u>	May 1994	Rommel et al.	324/309
<u>5404882</u>	April 1995	Santyr	<u>600/410</u>
<u>5420510</u>	May 1995	Fairbanks et al.	324/309
<u>5498962</u>	March 1996	Sepponen	324/309

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ABSTRACT:

Provided are pulse imaging sequences and methods for 2D multi-slice T.sub.1.rho. -weighted and 3D T.sub.1.rho. -weighted magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Further provided is a self-compensating spin-locking sequence for correcting and reducing artifacts in T.sub.1.rho. -weighted imaging. Also provided is a sequence combining 3D T.sub.1.rho. -weighted MRI with a self-compensating spin-locking pulse for facilitating T.sub.1.rho. -weighted imaging with surface coils.

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